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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CANADA TO RECOGNIZE PRG

1. EXTAFF OFFICIAL CALLED EMBOFF ON MAY 14 TO ADVISE HIM INFORMALLY THAT FONMIN MACEACHEN WOULD PROBABLY ANNOUNCE IN PARLIAMENT ON MAY 15 THAT CANADA RECOGNIZES THE PRG GOVERNMENT IN VIETNAM. TALKS WOULD ALSO BE PROPOSED TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC REALTIONS.

2. COMMENT: CANADIAN ACTION NOT SURPRISING AND CONSISTENT WITH PAST CANADIAN ACTIONS IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. CANADA'S GENERAL RULE IS TO RECOGNIZE A GOVERNMENT ONCE ITS CONTROL OF TERRITORY IS ESTABLISHED.

3. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED SUBJECT SAME AFTERNOON WITH EXTAFF ASSITANT UNDER-SECRETARY ANDREW, REFERRING TO PRESS REPORT THAT PROG HAS STATED IT NOT IN CONTROL SOME AREAS. ANDREW SAID ALL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO EXTAFF LEADS THEM TO BELIEVE PRG IS IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL, INDEED CONTROLS MORE TERRITORY THAN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT BEFORE ITS FALL. DRAWING ON REPORT FROM DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR INQUIRED IF EXTAFF DECISION TO RECOGNIZE HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT STORY CIRCULATING IN OTTAWA THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMS IS TO BE MADE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. ANDREW REPLIED THAT EXTAFF
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AWARE OF THAT "CANARD" AND DOES NOT TAKE IT SERIOUSLY.

CAUTIONING THAT HE NOT AUTHORIZED TO SAY WHAT FOLLOWS,
ANDREW ADDED THAT REPORT OF POSSIBLE IMMINENT UNIFI-
CATION, TO EXTENT IT ENTERED INTO DECISION AT ALL, WAS
ARGUMENT FOR SPEEDY RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN GOVERNMENT
SINCE THAT MIGHT TEND TO DELAY UNIFICATION.
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